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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: But the response of any one of these local governmental subdivisions is going to be governed by the levy limitations, not the budget limitations because this will create a hole in the budget for them, and they would be able to otherwise fill that with local property tax dollars or other revenues. But for those municipalities that are at their 50 cent limitation, this will certainly work a hardship for those counties at their 50 cent limit. There is nothing we can do for them. It will certainly work a hardship. We don't...we have one NRD that is close to its maximum levy. That's in the northeast part of the state...or I'm sorry, the southeast part of the state. I don't think we have anyone else close enough to their maximum levy to be affected by the issues that are presented in this amendment. But the amendment will produce a shift, I suppose, to the extent they can be allowed to do so by the levy limits, will produce...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...a shift to property taxes, and if you recall, I said I thought that was one of the implications yesterday of what we were suggesting be done.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I am sorry, Senator, your time is up. Thank you, Senator Wickersham and Senator Wehrbein. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President and members of the body, I simply rise to oppose this amendment. Cities have lots of things that they can do. One thing is fees, they can raise fees. My city is looking at raising fees for burning permits, fees for dogs. They have an occupational tax that the cities can put in and Omaha has a wheel tax that occasionally they try to go down into Sarpy County and put the wheel tax. Also, if they have utilities, if they operate utilities, they can have that. And also they have sales tax. Cities have sales tax or the right to vote for sales tax. So I think, I'm just looking at from the city's standpoint of view, I know some are up against the lid, but I think they have some other...other local means that simply takes the vote of the city council to raise, so I simply rise to oppose Senator Schimek's amendment.